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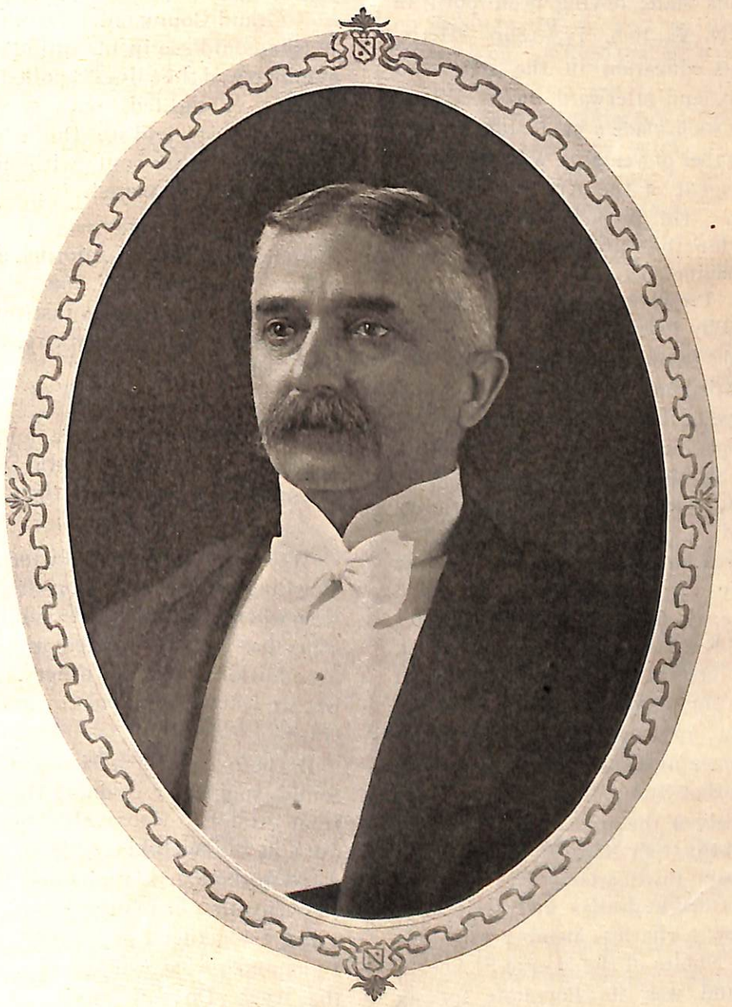

GEORGE H. GREEN.

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Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine, Dallas, Texas.

Whoever has met Imperial George once has met him the same for all time to come—a Royal Gentleman and a true Noble. Quoting the Masonic Standard:

"The new Imperial Potentate is a native of this State, having been born in Clinton, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1849. He received his education in the schools of that town, and afterward "went West," where he soon made a name for himself. For a number of years he was the southwestern agent of the Armour Packing Company. He is now United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, having been appointed to that office by President McKinley, and reappointed by President Roosevelt.

Noble Green's Masonic Career has been a varied one. His business as representative of the Armour Packing Company kept him moving about, and he received his Masonic Degrees as best he could, and when and where opportunity permitted.

He was made a Mason in Temple Lodge No. 14, Albany, N. Y., in 1878 and was exalted in Wyandotte Chapter No. 6, at Kansas City, Kan., in 1894. He was created a Knight Templar in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, Kansas City, Kan., in 1894. Upon taking up his residence in Texas he affiliated with bodies in that State.

He received the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, up to and including the thirty-second degree, in the bodies located at Dallas and Galveston.

He was a charter member of Hella Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Dallas and was its Potentate for six years. Hella Temple was founded May 31, 1887.

Noble Green was elected Imperial Oriental Guide at the session of the Imperial Council held in Dallas in June, 1898, and has been promoted each year since until he has reached the highest position in the Imperial body.

Masonry in General.

If Grand Commander Davidson of Nebraska could see in his mind's eye the symmetry of the "lives" spoiled by a Companion "Knighted, with a cork leg" how he must yield up the ghost when the fellow turns out with moth-eaten plume and gray pants!

"Masonic Token" informs us that the "Rite of Memphis," has changed its Constitution and is now instituting Symbolic lodges in this country. (the U. S.) Now what?

General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council met in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5 and 6, 1903.

We hope that Grand Master Auther of Washington, overdrew on his imagination when he said that symbolic Masonry has been sacrificed to the greed for additional degrees, orders and rites—but we fear he has spoken too much of truth.

In these days of vericose "strikes" it sounds suggestive to quote the following from President Roosevelt's Masonic Address in Philadelphia. "If we could get wage workers and employers in any given occupation or in any given district in a lodge together I guarantee the result. I guarantee what would happen. Is not that true? Do you think so? (cries of "yes.") Exactly, and I will guarantee it. If that thing could happen we would come always into the lodge, each respecting and each wanting to do what was good for his brother."

Masonry has succumbed to the "Chautauqua" idea and now since August 1902 a Masonic Club has been in existence at Chautauqua, N. Y., Dr. Julius King of New York, President; David L. Starr of Pittsburg, Penn., Secretary. A meeting was held July 11, 1903, to adopt rules and regulations for the club.

Down at Moravia is the "big" lodge for a country town. Antiquity Lodge has 108 members. Raised 24 last year and 10 thus far this year. They are now going after the non-affiliates in emulation of Martin of Waterloo.

July 4, 1901, a lodge of Masons U. D. was opened in Manila P. I. Its charter was granted by California October 8, 1901. "Let there be light." It is said that they now have over 75 members.

The Pacific Mason arises Phoenix-like from its ashes in better form and we hope will find all its patrons Masonically honest enough to pay up and help him out.

From far west Australia came the W. A. Freemason for May and we bid it welcome to the "guild."

The "Whispered word" cut of the Constellation—pray, in what lodge and which degree is it done that way?

If American Masons feel that the fees for additional degrees are high they ought to go to England where the minimum fee and "clothing" comes to $718.-78. Jimminy why can't they throw off the 78 cents.

"Iowa Grand Lodge turned down the proposition to contribute to the Fraternal Building at the Worlds Fair; Sorry."—Constellation. Why sorry Bro. Rickart?—Dont you know that Sister Jennie Mathews of the O. E. S. is after us individually as well as the Chain-letter Gang? "Aint that goin' some?"

"The springs of Saratoga may be expected to go dry next week, by the time the Shriners get through with them," says the Masonic Standard.

No danger of that so long as the Zem-Zem holds out.—Pacific Mason.

Bro. Taylor if you'd been at Sargtoga and done as we did—after making the round of the springs you'd have been glad for Zem Zem—which is also water, as a variation if not a cure.

The "Constellation" thinks it coincident that Iowa and Missouri should have a hough in each Grand Commandery. Not at all, if your'n is like our'n.

W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew of the grand bodies of South Dakota announces that his office is moved from Flandreau, to Sioux Falls.

Oriental Consistory has work that may interest visiting Princes—inquire of Gil. W. Barnard, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.

We are not in possession of any of the dates for the Iowa Scottish Rite reunions at this time.

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Whether we make others believe in the antiquity of Masonry or not, bodes little, but whether we be indeed "worthy and well qualified," bodes much.

You can tie an apron upon any sort of man; you can elect him to office, to any office; but whether he honors the office or "serves out his time" are two different results.

Stand by Symbolic Masonry; stamp on the high rite heresy; stand up for the distinctive superiority of the lodge over all other bodies composed of masons. If this be treason, prove it!

Keep clean the lamb-skin handed to you at your initiation; take all the degrees you can afford; join all the orders you can get into; but no where else will such a symbolic lesson come to you as the time you were "there made a mason."

Brother Taylor of the Pacific Mason lays aside his acrid pen long enough to quote our article on "no higher judiciary needed," then touched with a sense of conscience he says: "Brother Geiger, you hit the nail on the head that time. Give us some more of that kind of Freemasonry and we will take back what we said about your Fez."

Nay, Brother, what you handed us stays here; but what we might have said about the "Magazine form" of your little paper awhile back, was first tried by the square and we commend its use to you hereafter—"moreespecially."

Why not save the history? With Rev. Dr. Vincil of Missouri we can testify to the folly of "neglecting this department of labor" as years ago we sought to get the gems set in the brain of Theodore Parvin, collected for publication; but the neglect of earlier years left us to find that it was too late. Now he sleeps. Drummond sleeps. Price sleeps. Rob. Morris sleeps and the Philisopher Albert Pike "lies beneath the sod."

"The Texas Freemason" sidesteps to the left when it calls the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, *decrepit*. Stay out as did Iowa, as long as you like, but don't fudge.

What matters it whether we agee that Freemasonry is or is not an "Order." Will it make one hair white or black? Will it add one cubit to the stature of anyone? Will it injure a wise and accomplished Mason to be a member of it if it is an order; or, the reverse? Nay, verily, it is but a play of words and while time is wasted in useless discussion some great and important work may be neglected.

The Western Mason comes to our table from Los Angeles, Calif., and is heartily welcome to the "great awakeing" it will get in due time.

Along with its other vagaries the Pacific Mason becomes guilty of Masonic Sacrilege when it makes its serious break about the meaning of the word "hecatomb." It might do for a comic paper but not for a Masonic Journal.

The only person we ever noted to have advanced the claim that the Shrine is a Masonic Order was one who never had and in our Temple will never get to take the Shrine Degrees.

The Southern Freemason is another welcome visitor to our sanctum. It, too, will know more of the devious paths of Masonic Journalism in due time; but just the same we are glad for the new venture.

The Eastern Star.

P. G. P. Sabert M. Casey, of Ft. Madison, Iowa. Born in Sigourney, Iowa, Aug. 28, 1858. Died in Ft. Madison, Iowa, August 20, 1903 in his 45th year of age. Not only as a co-worker in the order, but as a personal friend of the truest type, we mourn our absent brother.

Peace to his ashes.

GRAND CHAPTER.

We have the official announcement that the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa will be held in Iowa City, October 27, 28, 29, 1903.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Tuesday, October 27th

7:30 P. M.—School of Instruction and Exemplification of the Ritualistic Work, by the Grand Officers at the Armory.

Wednesday, October 28th.

9:00 A. M.—At the Armory, Opening Grand Chapter in Full Form.
Address of weclome on behalf of Jessamine Chapter No. 135, by Mrs. W. H. Graff, Worthy Matron Jessamine Chapter No. 135.
Address of Welcome on behalf of the City by Hon. Geo. W. Ball, Past Grand Master A. F. & A. M.
Response by Mrs. Fanny M. Sever, Associate Grand Matron.
Reception of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.
10:00 A. M.—Report of Committee on Credentials.
Reading of Minutes, unless dispensed with.
Address of Worthy Grand Matron.
Address of Worthy Grand Patron.
Report of Grand Secretary.
Report of Grand Treasurer.
2:00 P. M.—Memorial Service by Grand Officers. Address by the Grand Chaplain.
Reports of Standing Committees.
8:00 P. M.—Entertainment by Jessamine Chapter No. 135.

Thursday, October 29th

9:00 A. M.—Installation of Officers of Chapters U. D. with presentation of Charters.
Reports of Committees, continued.
10:00 A. M.—Election of Officers.
2:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business.
3:00 P. M.—Installation of Grand Officers elect.
4:30 P. M.—Closing Grand Chapter.

We were privileged to meet Grand Matron Webber and her husband at breakfast October 6, and pleased to note that her year has been prosperous; as those of us who know her knew it would be.

She has "innovated" in that she has made her Associate Grand Matron of more consequence in her adminstration then has ever been done: acquainting her with all her official acts, this keeping the A. G. M. abreast of work going on and liable to fall upon her shoulders. She speaks feelingly of the affable and able co-operation of the Grand Patron Bro. Cole. The Grand Chapter promises to be an interesting gathering.

The Mystic Shrine.

Noble W. G. Haskell of Cedar Rapids, Ia., told us that the Freemason and Fez man was across the street at the hotel. We were also told that he was a Freemason and wore a Fez, but by those marks alone we could not locate him—*Mo. Freemason.*

Now, will whichever of the Editors of the Mo. Freemason who was there, tell us *where he was across the street from the hotel* that he could not by those marks alone locate him? Will the Mo. Freemason tell us where he was while the Imperial Council was in session and that he could not find us there *all* the time. Now, fess up! Next year we'll wear a tag, sky blue, now remember.

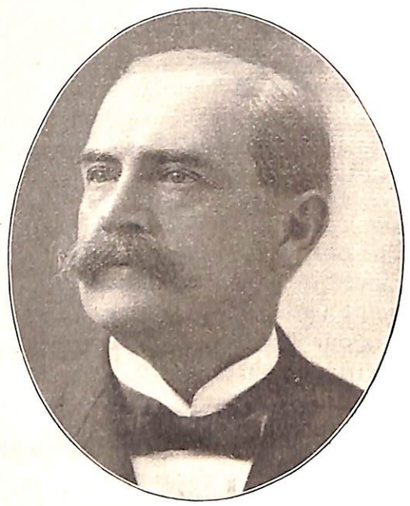
The Temples everywhere are getting ready for a busy fall and winter campaign.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE, 1904.

The Imperial Railroad Committee for 1904 is Benton Quick, St. Joseph, Mo, and James McGee, New York.

The Imperial Potentate is evidently going to arrange for the inspection of every Temple in the Domain and the Inspectors are to do it for the love of the cause, too. Whoop!

The Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine failed, after all, to fix a minimum initiation fee. So it appears that twenty-



B. W. ROWELL, Imperial Recorder.

five dollars in one town will go as far as fifty dollars in others.—*Illinois Freemason.*

Our esteemed exchange is mistaken. The Imperial Council has a fixed minimum fee for its degrees, $25.00 but it merely made no change in this rate. It refused to make the "Rurals" put up $50 because the "Urbans," want that much.

TWO MORE GONE.

At Saratoga we met and greeted two of the old friends of our shrine days in the Imperial Coucil. One was: Noble Charles W. Cushman 33° of Buffalo, N. Y. who was feeble but "improving, John" and now he is dead! He

passed away in Buffalo August 19, 1903, sincerely mourned by many friends. The other was: Edward R. Harris, of Detroit, Mich. "Ed" as we knew him for years was at Saratoga and to our greeting he said: "Well, Johnny, old boy, we're here once again and glad to meet, eh?" Well we should say so! but he, too, sleeps. He died August 6, 1903.

Sleep, Comrades, sleep; we'll watch
The little while the night endures;
When the day breaketh mayhap
I may be first to join you in
The silent majority.

Some of the Grand Masters of the United States, as well as many of the American Masonic papers, are finding fault with the manner in which the Shriners conduct themselves at their entertainments.

We cannot speak for the conduct of the Shriners of the United States, but we can for the Shriners of Canada. We have attended Shrine entertainments in Toronto and we have witnessed nothing that would bring disgrace upon any body of men. In fact, we sat beside clergymen at such entertainments and we have heard no dissent from them as to what was being enacted.

The moving Spirit of the Mystic Shrine in Ontario is Illustrious Potentate Harry A. Collins, of Toronto, and we do not think that he would allow anything to transpire at any function over which he presided that would in any way bring disgrace upon that body in Canada.

It must be borne in mind, however, that the Mystic Shrine is not a part of Masonry, although a person to be eligible for admission in to one of its Temples must be a Knight Templar or a thirty-second degree Mason. The Mystic Shrine is purely a social body and distinct from Masonry, but as Masons are the only ones eligible for membership, it is incumbent upon the Shriners to act as gentlemen, and that is what they do at their ceremonial functions in Canada. *Masonic Sun.*

Fraternities.

The Modern Woodmen have increased their rates about 50 per cent, but are yet below the safety point.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen are now putting forth a "level" and a "renewable term" assessment rate and to ease the old man going down hill have tacked on a provision for "post-mortem deduction." The language of the legislation sounds like the work of an old line actuary. This is the oldest and best of the Orders.

The Adminstration of J. Cullen Root in the Woodmen of the World has been approved by the re-election of his stalwart corps of assistants and the W. O. W. stands out above the safety line "unfrightened of the rate-devil" with 330,000 members, 6000 Camps and an emergency fund of over $1,000,000, and with a gross rate (including dues) higher than the renewable term rates of the Penn Mutual, Michigan Mutual, Pacific Mutual, Fidelity Mutual, National Life, Bankers Life of Nebraska—et al. The W. O. W. are worth looking into.

Book Table.

Among the later Shrine notices, the one from Salaam, Newark, N. J. in red and green, is the most artistic. The Cover cut (Jimmie McGee with whiskers?!)is delightfully suggestive—well, the terrible parent will be interpreted to

laugh with joy at the new child born (from) him; and he may take a notion to bat the kid one with the flat of the "smiter" just to remind him of the old "Slapstick days."

From E. Sir D. M. Brownlee we have the Proceedings, 1903, of Iowa Grand Commandery.

From Sir John Corson Smith we get the Report on Correspondence for Illinois for 1903—Templar.

From E. Sir Geo. A. Pettigrew, we have the Proceedings for the Grand Commandery and other bodies of South Dakota, 1903.

From W. H. Mayo, Proceedings Grand Council R. & S. M. Missouri for 1903.

Though late yet none the less appreciated, comes from Bro. Martin of Waterloo a copy of the Souvenir of Waterloo, used at the Grand Lodge there in June last—we can always count on Bro. M. for some husting evidence of skill, industry, and zeal, when he is in it.

Hella, Dallas, Texas, of the Imperial Household Guard this year—blooms out with a fine one in orange, blue and halftone black, and it, like the other one noticed, savors of the beautiful. With all said, we like Mother Mecca's white and black simplicity, though our people won't have it so plain.

From Malcom Nichol, Proceedings Grand Lodge of New Zealand, 1903.

From Frank J. Thompson Proceedings Grand Lodge of North Dakota, 1903.

General Directory.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.

Sioux City, June 7, 1904.

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Alf. Wingate .....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

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Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1904.
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